

STATE OF NEVADA



COMMISSION ON ETHICS

**COMMISSION PANEL DETERMINATION
REGARDING JUST AND SUFFICIENT CAUSE
NRS 281.511(3)**

COMMISSION PANEL: TIMOTHY CASHMAN AND RICK HSU

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR OPINION
CONCERNING THE CONDUCT OF
Harold J. Keaton, County Commissioner
District B, Lincoln County Board of Commissioners**

**Request for Opinion
No. 06-14**

On November 16, 2006, pursuant to NRS 281.462, a Commission panel reviewed the Executive Director's Report and Recommendation Regarding Just and Sufficient Cause, the request for opinion filed herein, and all related documents and determined that just and sufficient cause exists for the Commission to hold a hearing and render an opinion on the allegations that Mr. Keaton violated the provisions of NRS 281.501(4). Further, the panel recommended just and sufficient cause does not exist for the Commission to hold a hearing and render an opinion on the allegations that Mr. Keaton violated the provisions of NRS 281.481(2), and NRS 281.501(2) and that these allegations are dismissed.

Specifically, the panel recommended just and sufficient cause exists for the full Commission to hold a hearing and render an opinion regarding whether Mr. Keaton violated:

- NRS 281.481(4) by failing to disclose sufficient information concerning his ownership interest in Sierra Asset Management Inc. when he voted at the September 19, 2005 commission meeting on an agenda item calling for roadway improvements at the Highland Knolls subdivision. Sierra Asset Management Inc. owned a parcel in the Highland Knolls subdivision.

The Request for Opinion is, therefore, REFERRED TO THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS, and is scheduled for hearing on Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department of Education, 1820 E. Sahara Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104.

DATED: November 17, 2006

Pat Hearn

L. Patrick Hearn, Executive Director

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that I am an employee of the Nevada Commission on Ethics and that on this day at Carson City, Nevada, I placed a true and correct copy of the Commission Panel Determination Regarding Just and Sufficient Cause in an envelope and deposited same in the mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

Harold Keaton, County Commissioner
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners
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Dated: November 17, 2006

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